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1. FRG DISARMAMENT OFFICIALS STRONGLY SHARE UK REPS CAUTIONARY COMMENTS AT FEB 26 AHG MEETING CONCERNING TERMINOLOGY ON FOREIGN AND NATIONAL FORCES ADVANCED RECENTLY BY SOVIET MBFR DEL (BONN 1759-PARA 15). GERMAN ANTENNAE ARE, OF COURSE, ACUTELY ATTUNED TO SUCH FORMULATIONS WHICH COULD SINGLE OUT BUNDESWEHR AS SOLE NATIONAL FORCES ON WESTERN SIDE.

2. RUTH TOLD EMBOFF FEB 27 THAT HE CONSIDERED THE INITIAL ROUND OF INFORMAL VIENNA DISCUSSIONS TO BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AND DELICATE TO MANAGE. THE WESTERN REPS WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTREMELY ALERT TO
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INSURE BOTH THAT PREJUDICIAL SOVIET DEFINITIONS WERE

NOT ACCEPTED AND THAT SOVIETS NOT BE PERMITTED TO UTILIZE THE INFORMALLY AGREED PROCEDURAL AGENDA TO GAIN WESTERN ACCEPTANCE OF MOSCOW'S NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK. BESIDES FOREIGN/NATIONAL FORCES ISSUE, RUTH BELIEVES CONSIDERABLE CARE ALSO WILL BE REQUIRED ON NUCLEAR AND AIR ISSUES AS WELL AS TO INSURE WESTERN POSITIONS ON ASSOCIATED MEASURES.

3. ON VERIFICATION, RUTH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GERMAN NATO DEL HAD BEEN WITHOUT INSTRUCTION AT FEB 25 SPC. HE SAID FOREIGN OFFICE IS DOING ITS BEST TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON NTM AND OTHER DETAILED VERIFICATION ISSUES MENTIONED REF B FOR MARCH 4 SPC SESSION.

4. ON RECENT BRITISH PROPOSAL TO REVIVE GROUND FORCES MORATORIUM IDEA, RUTH CONFIRMED GENERAL GERMAN SUPPORT, BUT SAID FRG EXPERTS NOW ENGAGED IN DETAILED STUDY OF THE IMPLICATIONS, PARTICULARLY FOR MBFR II. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE CONCEPT WAS "A MORATORIUM LIMITED IN TIME AND NOT REPEAT NOT A FREEZE".
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